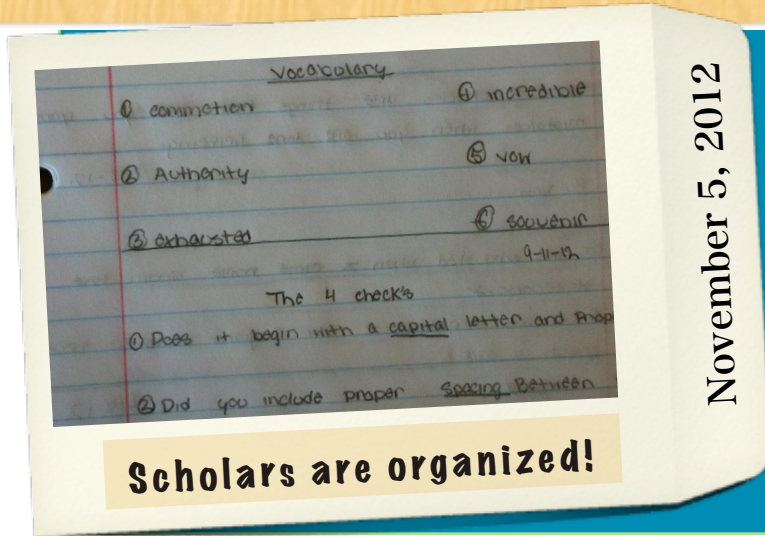


ROOM B224 NEWS



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Important Dates



Tues, Nov. 6th

Student Council Election

Fri, Nov. 9th

Annual Barn Dance

Mon., Nov. 12th

No School- Veteran's Day

Wed., Nov. 14th

ELA ANET 2

Wed., Nov. 21-23rd

Thanksgiving Recess

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UPDATES FROM THE TEACHER

Dear b224 Families,

Time is flying by! As the year progresses we are putting continual emphasis on mastering routines and transitions. This allows us to increase our learning time in the classroom. **Progress reports** were sent home on Oct. 23rd. Please make sure to sign and return them. I want to stress the importance of completing homework and classwork. Student **effort** is a central theme in the fifth grade.

In **Math**, our focus is has shifted from learning place value and decimals to mastering multiplication and division. Estimation and word problem solving skills will also be a huge focus. In fifth grade math becomes more complex, asking students to apply basic operations in the context of word problems. Please remind your child that we learn the most when we "struggle" a little.

In **ELA** we are still reading stories within the theme "Look Inside." Some of our big focus skills include summarizing/paraphrasing and drawing

conclusions. We are also practicing strategies such as understanding rereading to clarify, using context to confirm meaning and more.

In **Science** we are exploring forms of energy. In November our focus will be on electricity, light, and sound energy.

Our **Social Studies** classwork up until this point has been very current events driven. Students are discovering the role of the electoral college in the election of the U.S. president as well as learning about the candidates and issues at hand. This month we will shift our focus to learning about landforms and geography.

You may visit our **class website:** www.msccorrentishomeroom.weebly.com to see more updates, photos and homework assignments.

Please feel free to call or email with any thoughts or questions. Thank you!

★ Ms. Correnti ★